

SENATE BILL 1729

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 10, relative to travel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1010, is amended by deleting the first two sentences in subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

The commissioner of finance and administration shall cause to be posted on the official website of the state a report that contains all out-of-state travel expenditures and any expense reimbursements made for the expenditures to the governor, any member of the governor's cabinet, and cabinet level staff in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations of the state or any policy of the governor; provided, however, that information shall not be posted if the out-of-state travel occurred for the purpose of recruiting industry or economic development in the state and the information, in the judgment of the commissioner, has the potential to harm contract negotiations or otherwise place the state at a competitive disadvantage in seeking industrial or economic development opportunities. For the purposes of this subsection (c), "out-of-state travel expenditures" includes: expenses for which corresponding reimbursements are made; and direct travel expenditures, including airfare, travel, hotel, and any other expenses paid for directly by using a state-approved vendor or with the use of a state-issued payment card. The report shall include the purpose of the expenditures and any reimbursements made, and shall be reported by the person making the expenditures.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.